Problems Created by ISI

1410. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI PRAFULL GORADIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Samjhauta Express train running between India and Pakistan is being used by Pakistan's ISI to send across fake Indian currency notes and even for subversive activities;

(b) whether there are differences on the question of continuation of train to Pakistan between the Ministries of Home Affairs and External Affairs as reported in an Editorial on the subject in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 15th February, 2000; and

(c) in what manner Government propose to tackle these ISI created problems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Some cases of smuggling of fake currency, arms, ammunition and narcotics through Samjhauta Express have come to notice;

(b) No, Sir.

(c) 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subject as per the Constitution of India. The registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crimes is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. Counterfeiting currency-notes, using as genuine forged or counterfeit currency notes, making or possessing machine instrument or material for forging or counterfeiting currency notes and making or using documents resembling currency notes are all offences under the Indian Penal Code.

The Central Bureau of Investigation has created a Special unit for exclusive investigation of counterfeit currency notes. The Border Security Force has alerted its forward troops to be more vigilant so as to ensure that such currency notes are not smuggled in the country.

Security agencies have been alerted to maintain vigil on th

passengers travelling through Samjhauta Express to curb the activities of anti-national elements.

The following steps have been taken by the Ministry of Finance to deal with the problem of fake currency:

(i) A high Level Committee has been constituted, with representation from the Department of Economic Affairs, Reserve Bank of India, Ministry of Home Affairs/National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS), to go into the entire gamut of issues pertaining to the security dimension of Indian currency.

(ii) Currency and Coinage Division has set up a six member Fact Finding Committee under the convenorship of Shri V.R. Gaikwad, Dy. General Manager, RBI, comprising experts on note-printing/currency paper, etc. for examining the fake notes seized in the past in order to enable the Government to take remedial action *vis-a-vis* printing and security features.

(iii) RBI has been advised to go in for publicity campaign about security features incorporated in the genuine notes so that the members of the public may distinguish between genuine and fake notes.

Overstaying by Pakistani Nationals

1411. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 11,000 Pakistanis were overstaying in India after expiry of their visas, as reported in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 10th January, 2000;

(b) if so, what concrete steps Government have taken, so far at diplomatic level to prevent overstaying of foreigners illegally in our country; and

(c) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to issue identity cards to all Indian citizens to weed out